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SUBJECT: LEADER GRANT FOR DEP PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN
MINISTER NU'MAN

REF: (A) SANAA 1926; (B) SANAA 1832; (C) SANAA 1848

1. WE SURPRISED NU'MAN UPSET RE LACK OFFER GRANT, SINCE DAY AFTER RECEIPT INITIAL TEL RE NU'MAN VISIT TO U.S. AND PARTIAL IV GRANT (REF C), INVITATION CONVEYED TO HIM THROUGH YAR U.N. PERMREP AL-ATTAR. IN DISCUSSION VISIT, AL-ATTAR VOICED PERSONAL OPINION THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD EITHER MAKE "OFFICIAL VISIT" OR TOUR U.S. IN PURELY PRIVATE CAPACITY WITH WIFE, RATHER THAN ON IV GRANT, WHICH IN-BETWEEN. HOWEVER AL-ATTAR SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH NU'MAN VISIT TO U.S. AND GRANT BY PHONE (TO LONDON) LATER THAT DAY, SEPT. 19. SUBSEQUENTLY, AMBASSADOR GEGHMAN ALSO OUTLINED IV PROGRAM TO NU'MAN AND REFERRED TO DEPT'S WILLINGNESS ARRANGE APPROPRIATE CALLS SHOULD NU'MAN VISIT WASHINGTON.

2. ON SEPT. 25 YAR EMBASSY WASHINGTON INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT NU'MAN DID NOT WISH TO VISIT U.S. ON AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT. EMBASSY IMPLIED AND WE TOOK THIS TO MEAN THAT HE WISHED TO DO TOURING WITH WIFE ON HIS OWN.

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3. SINCE RECEIPT REF (A) WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GEGHMAN

WHO TELLS US NU'MAN UNHAPPY THAT FOLLOW UP TO WHAT NU'MAN
VIEWS AS SECRETARY ROGERS' INVITATION LAST JANUARY TO
MEET AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME IS OFFER OF INTERNATIONAL
VISITOR GRANT PROGRAM. DEPT HAS NO INFORMATION ON DETROIT-
BASED YEMENI-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY OFFER, ALTHOUGH
WE TOLD NU'MAN PLANS VISIT YEMENI COMMUNITY IN DETROIT.

4. THROUGH AMB. GEGHMAN WE HAVE AGAIN EXTENDED IV PROGRAM
INVITATION TO NU'MAN, AND OFFERED TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE
CALLS AND HOSPITALITY SHOULD NU'MAN VISIT WASHINGTON.
WE DISCUSSED INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM IN DETAIL WITH
GEGHMAN, WHO PROMISED ATTEMPT CLARIFY PROGRAM TO FONMIN.
GEGHMAN DUBIOUS NU'MAN WILL ACCEPT OFFERS BUT PROMISED
TO TRY. KISSINGER

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